

May 19, 2018 (6 pm) – Important Information:

Substantial progress was made today with total outages at 15%, which is down by half from last night. This doesn't minimize the fact that there are still roughly 1,700 homes without power in town. We expect Eversource to continue working through the evening, however areas that require heavy infrastructure repair (broken poles, etc.) will likely not be addressed until tomorrow. Most of this evening's work will be concentrated in the northern part of town, which includes the Obtuse Road and Hanover Road areas down through Walnut Tree Hill Road.

Eversource still stands by its estimated time of restoration (ETR) of mid-day tomorrow, however if you are in an area that sustained heavy infrastructure damage or a single outage it is likely that your outage will extend beyond tomorrow. In addition, damage to individual homes impacting electrical service will take longer to correct. That said, Eversource has promised a sustained effort until all power is restored in town.

The Emergency Management Team will meet again tomorrow morning with Eversource and will make additional updates as necessary.

Newtown's First Selectman and the Emergency Management Office continue to urge residents to be safe and stay informed.

Safety First:

Avoid the use of candles due to the risk of fire if left unattended

Do not use outside cooking equipment inside

Keep generator exhaust away from residence

Stay away from power lines

Be careful of fatigue especially when using chainsaws

Residents can come to locations listed below to seek relief/assistance

Cell phone/electronic equipment charging

The Municipal Center, located at Fairfield Hills will be open Saturday and Sunday from 9a to 3p

Cyrenius Booth Library, 25 Main Street, Newtown. Tel (203) 426-4533

Hours: Mon thru Thurs – 9:30 am to 8 pm, Fri – 11 am to 5 pm; Sat 9:30 am to 5 pm; Sun 12 to 5 pm

Edmond Town Hall gymnasium, 45 Main Street: you will need to bring your own chair. Open 8 am to 11pm.

Showers

Newtown High School, 12 Berkshire Road, Sandy Hook Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 am to 10 pm. Enter at Main Entrance.

NYA Sports and Fitness, 4 Primrose Street, located at Fairfield Hills, 5:30 am to 8 pm, check in at front desk

Water

The Fire houses in your neighborhood. Fill from a hose, bring your own containers.

Park & Rec Garage (across from Reed School). Fill from a hose, bring your own containers.

Transfer Station (Free Brush Disposal)

Open Saturday from 7 am to 6 pm and Sunday from 7 am to 3 pm

Dumpsters for Spoiled Food Disposal

Available at Newtown High School, Hawleyville and Dodgingtown Fire Departments.

Special Health Needs/Questions

Contact Donna Culbert, Newtown Health District, tel 203-270-4291 or e-mail donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov After hours tel 203-270-4200

We ask that you please check on any elderly or frail neighbors to be certain they are doing OK.

Important numbers and contact information:

If there is a Life Safety Emergency – call 911

Power outage – call 800-286-2000

Code Red – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management> or call 203-270-4370 for assistance;

Smart 911 – register at Emergency Management on the Public Safety page on the Town of Newtown's website <http://www.newtown-ct.gov/emergency-management>

Check **the News tab on the Town website:** www.newtown-ct.gov

You can register there too to receive news.

Connecticut's free information and referral service: call 2-1-1 or visit www.211ct.org

First Selectman's office Tel (203) 270-4201

Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Tel (203) 270-4370

Health District Tel (203) 270-4291